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Received by this office May 25, P.M.

To : Foreign Minister ARITA

From: Consul-General ITO

No. 2925-1 (Top Secret) In Ambassador's Code.

Foreign Telegram.

Re: Our Telegram No. 291.

1. As to the problem of forming the Kyowa-Party (Concordia Party) the Army Special Service Section here has been assuming the main leadership from inside. Shibayama, Chief of the Special Service Section, told me secretly that in order to get a grip on the minds of the people here, who are not satisfied with Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Three People's Principle, it is an advisable policy to organize the Kyowa-Party, which has originated from Hankow, to whip the people together under the name of the Kyowa-Party and after that to connect this party with the Central Government. However, the general tendency of the people here is strongly desirous of a semi-independent Hankow against the Central Government. They mean to form the Kyowa Party in opposition to the National Party. It seems to be difficult therefore to lead such a movement into a close connection with the Central Government. At the time of Ho-Pei-lung's departure to Nanking for the purpose of talking over this matter, Shibayama impressed on him the necessity of explanations to Wang to the effect that the formation of the Kyowa-Party would mean nothing antagonistic to the National Party and would not be against it. As was expected, Wang-Ching-wei, fearing the possible antagonism against the National Party and not being satisfied with the mere support of the Central Government provided in the Article I of the Kyowa-Party's platform, requested Ho to revise the said article to the effect that it will absolutely support "the Central Government with the National Party as its nucleus". Ho was obligated to accept Wang's request and then returned, it was learned.

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To : Foreign Minister ARITA
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Foreign Telegram.

The main points of the Kyowa-Party's organization are as stated in the telegram sent previously. As to the current expenses of the party, however,

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sufficient funds can hardly be provided at the time when the local funds are extremely limited. Ho-Pei-Lung has repeatedly asked Shibayama to find the funds from the Japanese side. He sent for the Navy Special Service Chief the other day and sought his understanding concerning this matter by asking him whether he had any objection to his plan of using the sum of ¥700,000, which had been reserved for the political and economic investigation of the Province and the City at the time of the dissolution of the Provincial Council, for the current expenses of the Kyowa Party instead. The three men have reached an agreement that the abovementioned plan was the outcome of necessity in view of the present situation in Hankow. While special attention should be attached to further guidance, strict secrecy is requested to be maintained so far as the source of the expenses is concerned as such is desired by the army authorities.

The telegram has been transmitted to Nanking and Shanghai.

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昭和15年五月二十五日午後六時
本署 二十五日午後着

有田外務大臣 伊東總領事
第九二号、二(極秘) 館長付号 報

外信
協和党、機構、大体、自頭往電、通、十、天、之、維持費
用、付、之、地方、経費、窮乏、際、充、分、支給、困難、ニ、何、佩
瑤、天、再、三、柴、山、部長、費用、捻、出、方、窮、乏、ニ、所、リ、同、部
長、天、遂、ニ、日本、側、ニ、於、テ、費用、捻、出、方、斡、旋、ス、キ、コ、ト、ヲ
約、シ、タル、趣、ニ、過、日、同、部、長、海、軍、持、務、部、長、ヲ、呼、ビ
本、件、ニ、對、シ、量、表、ニ、參、議、府、解散、際、省、市、政、治、経、済、調
査、費、ト、シ、テ、取、得、費、ト、シ、テ、七、〇、万、円、ヲ、協、和、党、維、持、
費、ト、シ、テ、支、辨、セ、シ、ル、様、取、計、度、キ、カ、思、存、ナ、キ、ヤ、ト
テ、了、解、ヲ、求、メ、タル、カ、右、武、漢、現、勢、ニ、鑑、ミ、已、コ、ヲ、
得、ザ、ル、ヘ、リ、ト、フ、ト、三、方、有、意、見、致、シ、今、後、指、導、ニ、特
別、注、意、ヲ、拂、フ、コ、ト、ナ、リ、タ、リ、右、費用、出、所、ニ、関、シ、テ、
陸、軍、側、希、望、ス、ル、極、秘、ニ、セ、ウ、シ、タ、シ、
南京、上海、へ、轉、電、セ、リ、

電信寫

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昭和十五年四月四日 (暗)

漢口 五月二十五日後發
本省 二十五日後着

有田外務大臣

伊藤總領事

才二九二号ノ一 (極秘) 館長符号号扱

外信

往電才二九二号ニ関シ

一協和黨と結成問題ニ関シテハ主トシテ当地陸軍特務
部ニ於テ之カ内面指導ニ當リ居ル處柴山部長ノ
官ニ内話ス所ニ依リ孫文ノ三民主義ニ懐ラサル地方
民心ヲ把握セシメタルニ張リ武漢ヲ発祥ノ地トセ
ル協和黨ヲ結成シ協和黨ノ名ノ下ニ民心ヲ糾合スル
ル後之ヲ中央ニ結付ケルヲ得策ナカ定メ所當地民
心ハ何處迄モ武漢ヲ中央ニ付シ半独立ノ存在トシテ
キ希望強ク協和黨ノ結成モ國民黨ニ対抗スル意
味ヲ強ク持ツシメントスル傾向アリテ之ヲ中央ニ結付
ル様指導スルハ苦心ヲ要スル趣ニテ過般何佩服
此ノ問題ニ関シ協和黨ノ名南京ニ赴ク際モ同部長
ハ何ニ付シ協和黨ノ結成ハ國民黨ト対立反動
スルニアラサルコトヲ汪ニ説明スル要アルヲ説示スル趣
ハカ果セル哉汪精衛ニ於テモ國民黨ト対立関係
ニナラ惧レ協和黨政綱亦一條ニ單ニ中央政府ヲ
支持ストアルニ満足セズ國民黨ヲ主体トスル中央
政府ヲ絶対支持スル趣旨ニ訂正ヲ要望ニ付
モ已ハテ汪ニ要望ヲ答ヘ歸還セリトコトナリ (續)

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昭和十五年五月二十五日

漢口五月二十五日後夜
本有 二十五日後着

有田外務大臣

伊東總領事

第九二号ノ二(極秘) 館長符号扱

外信

協和党ノ機構ノ大体ハ自頭往電ノ通りナルヲ維持費
 用ニ付テハ地方經費窮乏ノ際充分支給困難ニシテ何俾
 瑤毛再三柴山部長ニ費用捻出方懇望スル所アリ同部
 長又遂ニ日本側ニ於テ費用捻出方斡旋スヘキコトヲ
 約シタル趣ニテ過日同部長ハ海軍持務部長ヲ呼ビ
 本件ニ對シ異義ニ參議府解散ノ際省市縣政經済
 調査費トシテ取置キタルセロ万円ヲ協和党ノ維持
 費トシテ支辨セシムル様取計度キカ異存ナキヤト
 テ了解ヲ求メタルカ右ハ武漢ノ現勢ニ鑑ミ已ムヲ
 得サルヘシトフトニ三者意見一致シ今後ノ指導ニ持
 別ノ注意ヲ拂フコトナリタリ右費用ノ出所ニ関シハ
 陸軍側ノ希望スル所ニ極秘ニセウシタル
 南京上海ヘ轉電セリ

實信寫

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